

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-01595-RC**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/09/2017  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/09/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5066842) filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons (Proposed) for U.S. Dept. of Interior), # <u>3</u> Summons (Proposed) for U.S. Attorney, # <u>4</u> Summons (Proposed) for Attorney General)(Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 08/09/2017)
08/09/2017	<u>2</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 08/09/2017)
08/09/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (sth) (Entered: 08/09/2017)
08/09/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons)(sth) (Entered: 08/09/2017)

09/06/2017	<u>4</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT <i>First Amended Complaint</i> against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Redline Comparison to Complaint, # <u>2</u> Summons (Proposed) for U.S. Dep. of Interior, # <u>3</u> Summons (Proposed) for U.S. Attorney, # <u>4</u> Summons (Proposed) for Attorney General)(Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 09/06/2017)
09/08/2017	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (3) Reissued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney General. (znmw) (Entered: 09/08/2017)
09/08/2017	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Amy R. Atwood on behalf of CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Atwood, Amy) (Entered: 09/08/2017)
09/21/2017	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/19/2017. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/19/2017. (Atwood, Amy) Modified dates on 9/22/2017 (znmw). (Entered: 09/21/2017)
09/21/2017	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 09/21/2017. (Atwood, Amy) Modified date of service on 9/22/2017 (znmw). (Entered: 09/21/2017)
09/21/2017	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR served on 9/20/2017 (Atwood, Amy) Modified date of service on 9/22/2017 (znmw). (Entered: 09/21/2017)
09/22/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 10/19/2017. (znmw) (Entered: 09/22/2017)
10/19/2017	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to <u>4</u> Amended Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR. Related document: <u>4</u> Amended Complaint, filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.(Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 10/19/2017)
10/20/2017		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before November 3, 2017. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/20/2017. (lcrc3) (Entered: 10/20/2017)
10/23/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 11/3/2017 (tj) (Entered: 10/23/2017)
11/03/2017	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>and PROPOSED SCHEDULE</i> by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 11/03/2017)
11/06/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall be permitted to complete the processing and production of responsive records and that the parties shall submit a joint status report every 60 days following this Order. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/6/2017. (lcrc3) (Entered: 11/06/2017)
11/07/2017	<u>12</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR. . . .STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D)(Townsend, Margaret) Modified on 11/8/2017 (td). (Entered: 11/07/2017)
11/08/2017		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: re <u>12</u> Status Report was entered in error PER COUNSEL and counsel refiled said pleading in the correct case. (td) (Entered: 11/08/2017)
01/05/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 01/05/2018)
01/08/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on March 6, 2018 and once every 60 days thereafter to report on the progress of the processing and production of records responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA requests. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/8/2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 01/08/2018)
03/06/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 03/06/2018)

03/07/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before May 5, 2018, providing an update on the status of the matter and stating whether briefing will be necessary and, if so, proposing a schedule. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/7/2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 03/07/2018)
03/08/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/5/2018. (tj) (Entered: 03/08/2018)
05/04/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 05/04/2018)
05/04/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on July 3, 2018 providing an update on the status of the matter and stating whether briefing will be necessary and, if so, proposing a schedule. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on May 4, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 05/04/2018)
07/03/2018	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/05/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before September 3, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on July 5, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 07/05/2018)
07/06/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/3/2018 (hs) (Entered: 07/06/2018)
09/04/2018	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Atwood, Amy) (Entered: 09/04/2018)
09/05/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before October 4, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on September 5, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 09/05/2018)
09/12/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/4/2018 (tj) (Entered: 09/12/2018)
10/04/2018	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 10/04/2018)
10/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>18</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before November 6, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on October 9, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 10/09/2018)
11/06/2018	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 11/06/2018)
11/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>19</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before December 7, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on November 6, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 11/06/2018)
12/07/2018	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 12/07/2018)
12/08/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>20</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before January 9, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on December 7, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 12/08/2018)